



GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

AT THE ROUND ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

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NEWS FROM THE ROUND ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Ancestry Library Edition

On July 1, the library switched to a new database that allows us to provide improved access to content from Ancestry.com, one of the leading sources of genealogy information. Unlike our former product, Ancestry Plus, the new Ancestry Library Edition allows multiple users to use the database at one time in the library, though we still cannot provide access from home. Ancestry Library Edition also has a much-improved interface and an enhanced viewing feature that makes it easier to print out your census images.

A few collections from AncestryPlus were lost when Ancestry.com created Ancestry Library Edition. These include the Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, which we have in print format, Biography and Genealogy Master Index (BGMI), and the Gale set of city directories. However, Ancestry Library Edition does include the Immigration Collection, which is growing to include the complete New York and San Francisco Passenger Lists with images; passenger lists from all major U.S. ports including Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and New Orleans; naturalization records (1700s-1900s); and immigration records for more than 100 countries.

If you use Ancestry.com for research at home, Ancestry Library Edition will seem very familiar, but there are a few differences. In particular, the OneWorldTree, Obituary, and Historical Newspaper collections are not available in Ancestry Library Edition, and the Message Boards and World Trees are read-only. Remember that you can access PERSI and the ProQuest Genealogy and Local History book collection through our other primary database, Heritage Quest Online.

October is Family History Month

Mark your calendars for Family History Month in October! The Round Rock Public Library will be having several events, including a repeat of our very popular Genealogy Lock-In on Friday, October 21st from 6:30 – 11:00 p.m. Genealogists will take over the library after the rest of the public goes home, and we will have genealogy experts on hand to help you with your research as well as mini-classes and fun activities. Watch for a full schedule of events in the next newsletter!

CALENDAR OF CLASSES AND EVENTS

September 2005

- Friday., Sep. 2 1-3 p.m. *Library Training Room*
Genealogy Series I: Lineage-Linked Databases
- Friday., Sep. 9 1-3 p.m. *Library Training Room*
Genealogy Series II: Books and Periodical Databases
- Friday., Sep. 16 1-3 p.m. *Library Training Room*
Genealogy Series III: Online Census Research
- Friday., Sep. 23 1-3 p.m. *Library Training Room*
Genealogy Series IV: Vital Records Online
- Friday., Sep. 30 1-3 p.m. *Library Training Room*
Genealogy Series V: Putting It Together in PAF

October 2005

- Weds., Oct. 5 7-9 p.m. *Library Meeting Room D*
Heritage Scrapbooking with Kulleen Lashley.
Learn how to preserve your family memories.
- Weds., Oct. 19 7-9 p.m. *Library Meeting Room D*
Lecture by Karen R. Thompson, "Families and Communities — Putting Family History in its Place."
- Fri., Oct. 21 6:30-11 p.m. *Library Reference Area*
Genealogy Lock-In!

VOLUNTEER NEWS

The Round Rock Public Library is fortunate to have so many wonderful and skilled volunteers. In the past few months, we have had four volunteers help with various projects in the Genealogy and Local History Collection:

- Jan Redden indexed the vertical file and is working on an inventory of the periodicals collection.
- Janet Collard is indexing articles from the *Round Rock Leader*.
- Dee Ann Hinkle has indexed obituaries from the *Leader* and is updating the genealogy webpages.
- Sandra Littletree helped catalog our high school yearbooks and part of our microfilm collection.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Danielle Plumer at 218-7006 or dplumer@round-rock.tx.us

GENEALOGY NEWS AND EVENTS

Austin Genealogical Society Seminar

The Austin Genealogical Society will present a seminar with Emily Croom on Saturday, November 12, from 9 am to noon at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 200 W. Anderson Lane, Austin, TX. The event is free to AGS members; there is a \$15 charge for non-members. Seminar topics include:

- Old Dominion Research: Our Virginia Ancestors
- The Other Half of the Story: Researching Female Ancestors

Emily, a native Houstonian, is a nationally known author and speaker. She has been active in genealogical research since 1969. Emily is a contributing author to *Family Tree Magazine*, *Family Chronicle* magazine and several other genealogy periodicals. Emily's genealogy books include *Unpuzzling Your Past: A Basic Guide to Genealogy*, *The Unpuzzling Your Past Workbook: Essential Forms and Letters for All Genealogists*, *The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook*, *The Sleuth Book for Genealogists: Strategies For More Successful Family History Research* and *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your African-American Ancestors*. (see Emily's web site: www.unpuzzling.com)

AGS Clayton Library Visit

The Austin Genealogical Society is planning a one-day bus trip to Houston to visit the Houston Public Library's Clayton Genealogical Collection on Monday November 14. The bus will leave at 7:00 am from the LDS Church parking lot at 1000 Rutherford Lane, Austin, and will return to Austin at approximately 9:00 pm. The cost will be \$33 for AGS members or \$38 for non-members, which includes bus transportation, a light breakfast, and box supper. Seating is limited to the first 53 paid registrations. The registration deadline is October 31. For more information, visit the AGS website at <http://www.austintxgensoc.org/>

Texas State Genealogical Society Conference

The 2005 Texas State Genealogical Society Conference will be held October 21-22 in Lubbock, Texas. Session topics include: Searching Viet Name Records; Texas Rangers: How to Track Them; Dating Old Photographs; DNA in Genealogy; Plants Your Grandmother Loved; Printing a Family History; Civil War Medicine; Digital Restoration of Pictures; Scanners/Printers; Rascals and Rogues: Sharing Stories of Family Black Sheep; Using Students in Local History; and Silent Wings: Gliders in World War II.

The conference registration form is available at <http://www.rootsworld.com/~txsgs/RegistrationForm2005TSGSAnnualConf.Revised.htm>. The registration deadline is Oct. 7.

WCGS NEWS

Upcoming Meetings

The Williamson County Genealogical Society usually meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of every month except August and December. Upcoming meetings and topics include:

- Sep. 8 – "Current Events in the Williamson County Clerk's Office" presented by Nancy Rister, the Williamson County Clerk. She will tell us about the archiving and encapsulation programs that are now going on to preserve old records.

For more information about WCGS, check the Society's website at <http://www.rootsworld.com/~txwcgs/WCGS.html>

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS AND EVENTS

Williamson County Historical Museum

The Williamson County Historical Museum will unveil its latest exhibit, "Welcome to Williamson County" beginning Wednesday, August 17, 2005 at 12 p.m. The exhibit features a wall mural of the county map and historic photographs from communities throughout the county. The exhibit focuses on the communities and towns across the county. Photographs and statistics from towns such as Liberty Hill, Jarrell, Taylor, and Cedar Park depict the people and places of Williamson County's history. Included in the black & white photographs are pictures of downtown Hutto, a tailor's shop in Florence, a church in Walburg, and a scene of teenagers boating on the San Gabriel River. Admission to the museum is free and donations are accepted. The museum is open to the public from 12 to 5, Wednesday through Saturday, or by appointment. The Williamson County Historical Museum is located at 716 S. Austin Ave. in downtown Georgetown. For more information call 512-943-1670 or visit the WCHM website at <http://www.wchm-tx.org/>

Round Rock Yearbooks

The Library has a collection of Round Rock school yearbooks that has recently been cataloged by Sandra Littletree, a volunteer from the School of Information at UT Austin. The yearbooks we have are:

Round Rock High School "Dragon"

(1952, 1953, 1956, 1958-1960, 1962, 1964-1973, 1975-1977, 1979, 1981-1983, 1985-2001)

McNeil High School "Maverick"

(1994-1997)

Stony Point High School "Touchstone"

(2000-2003)

If you have a yearbook from a year we are missing and would like to donate it, please contact Danielle Plumer at 218-7006.

COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT

Recent Additions

The Round Rock Public Library and the Williamson County Genealogical Society have added many new items to the collection in the past few months. We are particularly grateful to those individuals who have donated items to the collection.

Immigration and Ethnic Research:

Census Records for Latin America and the Hispanic United States
929.38 PLA
The Dawes Commission and the Allotment of the Five Civilized Tribes
970.5 CAR
Ellis Island: Immigration's Shining Center
929.373 CUN
Famine Immigrants,
929.30899162073 FAM
Germans to America, Series II
929.308931073 GER
Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1634-1635**
974 AND
Italians to America, Vol. 19, 1880-1899
929.308951073 ITA
Slave Ancestral Research: It's Something Else
929.108996073 FEA
Your Swedish Roots: A Step By Step Handbook
929.10720485 CLE

Family Histories:

Borrer Descendants of Elijah Borrer and Celia Williams Borrer and Their
Related Families*
929.209764 BORRER
Burnetts and Their Connections*
929.2 BURNETT
Pegram of Virginia and Descendants, 1688-1984*
929.209755 PEGRAM
Some Middle Tennessee Pegrams and Their Ancestors*
929.209768 PEGRAM
Waggoners and Related Families of Middle Tennessee*
929.209768 WAGGONERS

General Research:

1880 Census Knox County Tennessee
976.885 EIG
Adair County Marriage Records
976.9675 ING
Cemeteries of Grenada County, Mississippi, and Surrounding Areas*
976.2635 MAR
History Macon County, Tennessee*
976.848404 BLA
History of Anson County, North Carolina 1750-1976*
975.6753 MED
Index to Georgia Wills**
978 AUS
Jackson County Family History Book*
976.851 JAC
Knox County, Tennessee, Marriage Records: 1792-1837*
976.885 KNO
Macon County, Tennessee, Cemeteries*
976.8484 MAC
Macon County, Tennessee, History and Families*
976.8484 MAC
Maryland Calendar of Wills**
975.2 COT
Maryland Marriages, 1801-1820**
975.2 BAR
Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: Descendants of the Pilgrims
Who Landed at Plymouth, Mass.*
929.2073 MAY

Michigan Genealogy
977.4072 MCG
Missouri Birth and Death Records**
977.8 EDD
Monroe County, Kentucky, Birth Records*
976.9685 ING
Monroe County, Kentucky, Death Records*
976.9685 ING
Monroe County, Kentucky, Marriage Records*
976.9685 ING
Montgomery County, Mississippi, Cemetery Records*
976.2642 CRO
Register of Graduates and Former Cadets of the U S Military Academy*
355.071173 REG
Royal Families: Americans of Royal and Noble Ancestry, Volume One:
Gov Thomas Dudley and Descendants
929.20973 WAT
Virginia Genealogy
929.10720755 MCG

Land Records and Research:

Federal Land Series: A Calendar of Archival Materials On the Land Patents
Issued by the United States Government
333.160973 SMI
French and British Land Grants in the Post Vincennes Indiana District
929.373 SMI
Locating Your Roots: Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records
929.1072073 HAT
Spanish and British Land Grants in Mississippi Territory, 1750-1784
929.373 SMI

Genealogy Reference:

Address Book for Germanic Genealogy
929.10943 THO
American Genealogical Research at the DAR**
929.1072073 GRU
American Population Before the Federal Census of 1790
304.6 GRE
Bibliography of American County Histories
973.016 FIL
DNA and Family History: How Genetic Testing Can Advance Your
Genealogical Research
929.1072 POM
Genealogist's Address Book
929.1025 BEN
Guide to the Library of the New England Historic Genealogical Society
026.9291 GUI
New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland
941.5 MIT
Your Guide to the Federal Census
317.3 HIN

Texas Research:

History of Lee County, Texas
976.4247 HIS
Marriage Records of Cherokee County, Texas**
976.4183 HUT
Marriages of Franklin County, Texas, 1875-1959**
764.213 SKE
McLennan County, Texas, Cemetery Records**
976.4284 CEN
McLennan County, Texas, Marriage Records**
976.4284 CEN
Milam County, Texas, Marriage Records**
976.4288 MAR
Probate Records, Cherokee County, Texas**
976.4183 HUT

***Donated**

****Purchased by WCGS**

Too Many Books?

Consider the genealogy & local history collection when culling through your personal collection of genealogical materials. Mark your items for the genealogy collection and give to either the library or the Williamson County Genealogical Society. Items donated will help many others and are tax-deductible.

Also, consider placing a copy (paper or digital) of your historic Round Rock photographs and documents in the library's local history collection. Contact either Danielle Plumer at 512-218-7006 or dplumer@round-rock.tx.us or Linda Beebe from the Williamson County Genealogical Society at LindaBeebe@prodigy.net.

The Genealogy Collection

The genealogy collection at the Round Rock Public Library System continues to grow with materials added by both the library and the Williamson County Genealogical Society. There have also been many recent donations of materials including books, CDs, and genealogy periodicals.

The collection is located on the 2nd floor of the Robert G and Helen Griffith Public Library located at 216 East Main, Round

Rock, and is available for use anytime the library is open. There are some helpful binders on top of the microfilm cabinets that contain listings of all materials in the collection. Come by and see what is available.

The library's genealogy website is <http://www.ci.round-rock.tx.us/library/genealogy.html>. Look on the website for current events in genealogy, the latest acquisitions to the collection, genealogical Internet links, as well as a listing of CDs, microfilm, and periodicals in the collection.

The Genealogy & Local History Librarian is Danielle Cunniff Plumer. Her usual hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. and Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m. Look for her at the reference desk on the 2nd floor of the library. To contact Danielle, call her at 512-218-7006 or email her at dplumer@round-rock.tx.us.

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